

COLONEL EXTOLLED AT FREE SYNAGOGUE

Herman Hagedorn Tells of Roosevelt's Personal Characteristics.

INDIFFERENT TO PAIN

On One Occasion He Worked
Until He Fainted, Biog-
rapher Says.

Herman Hagedorn, long an associate of Col. Roosevelt and to be his biographer, was the chief speaker at memorial services held for the former President at the Free Synagogue in Carnegie Hall yesterday. He dealt not with the political career of the Colonel, but with his characteristics, and he defended them all.

"We followers of him have been called weak minded hero worshippers," Mr. Hagedorn said, "but we are not such. We are admirers of a personality which commanded all the love and respect it was ours to give."

Mr. Coolidge Roosevelt was impulsive, he continued, it was inbred in his nature, and he of all men had the tendency under best control.

"Theodore Roosevelt was hungry for criticism," he said; "you could criticize to your heart's content. He took the liberty of disagreeing with your judgment if he felt like it, but he welcomed criticism. It signified energy and movement to him."

The speaker dealt at considerable length with the Colonel's habits of life.

his indefatigable industry, his devotion to duty under all circumstances, his broad sympathies and his determination to make each day's work count regardless of the physical pain he might be suffering.

Worked Despite Illness.

As frustrating his will not to be overcome by bodily ailments Mr. Hagdorn

"July 18—Fever. Wrote.
 "July 17—Fever. Wrote.
 "July 18—Feeling better.
 "July 20—Five hippos."
 "Roosevelt was very accessible," the speaker continued. "You could drop in on him almost any time. He would usually be busy answering letters. They were piled up in front of him a foot high from people all over the country. Some were from folks who submitted their movie scenarios to him; other

"I remember going to the Colonel at the time when he was just recovering from an illness about a year ago. I waved to me, took a seat and went on dictating letters. He was very pale and evidently suffering greatly. Finally he seemed to have finished and his secretary advised him not to do any more, but Col. Roosevelt said:

"When I was in the White House, always cleaned every day to the end I am going to clean up now." He did clean up. I finished my business with him shortly and left the hotel. Later

Mr. Hagedorn then told of the Kaiser's personal relations with the former Kaiseress and said that after Roosevelt had defied the Emperor over the Venezuelan affair there sprang up "the romantic and fervent love of the Kaiser for T. R."

Mr. Hagedorn said that the Colonel bore up exceptionally well under the repeated siege of illness that interrupted his activities during the year previous to his death. There was little change in his mannerisms or foreignness, although Kaiser sent a special messenger to Sigmarsborg Hill, instructed to renew his professions of friendship.

"The Colonel made this reply: 'To his Majesty I thank him for his expressions of good will. Also tell him I recall with pleasure my visit to Berlin, just as I recall with great pleasure my subsequent visit to the King and Queen of the Belgians.'"

"I saw Col. Roosevelt the day the papers carried the story that time he had been killed in an air battle," Mr. Hagedorn said. "There was no news from the father that anything unusual had happened. Possibly a little something behind the eveglasses that I did not see there before. But when I saw him afterward on the public platform it was apparent that when the boy fell, it was another boy died—the boy in a suit."

Abraham I. Elkus presided at the meeting. An address was also made by Dr. Martin A. Myers of San Francisco.

The Peoples Social Service League, 10 East Seventh street, at a memorial service last Saturday afternoon, announced that it had been decided that a suitable statue of Lord Bunsen be erected on Ellis island. The league represents all organizations of the East Side.

As a mark of the league's appreciation for the man who opposed a stringent immigration laws it was decided that appeals be sent to all immigrant organizations for funds to help defray the expenses.

CALLS WAR EDUCATOR.

**President Butler Describes Con-
flict as Greatest Teacher.**

The educational value of war was discussed yesterday by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, in an address before the International Synagogue at Mount Morris Theatre. He said:

"War has been the greatest teacher the world has known. The nations of war and those that were neutral are learning not what books tell, but from human nature works and human behavior."

"Now as we come out of the war, we find ourselves emphasizing the need to make this world a better and more peaceful place to live in, and that is the direction in which leaders of opinion are guiding us. Education is vitally bound up with the problems before us, and it is well for us that we as a nation regard our schools so highly."

Stolen Car Tangles Up Traffic.
James Dorry, 18, of 206 West Sixteenth street, was arrested yesterday on a charge of grand larceny for riding away with an automobile owned by Dr. Dana B. Becker, 261 West 111st street, which had been parked in front of the church. At Broadway and West Sixteenth street Dorry tangled his car by driving on the wrong side of the street and a patrolman who had been